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SUBJECT: SULTAN'S VISIT: POSSIBLE TOPICS TO BE RAISED BY
MINCOMMUNICATIONS RAJAB

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B. MUSCAT 858

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1. INCLUSION OF COMMUNICATIONS MINISTER RAJAB AS MEMBER
OF SULTAN QABOOS' PARTY INCREASES LIKELIHOOD THAT TOPIC
OF AMERICAN TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE WILL BE RAISED. PORT
AUTHORITY OFFICIALS HAVE ADVISED US THAT RAJAB ALSO
LIKELY TO SEEK MEDICAL ASSISTANCE DURING VISIT.

2. OUTSTANDING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE REQUESTS PREVIOUSLY
RAISED BY RAJAB ARE AS FOLLOWS:

A. FAA AGREEMENT - ONLY QUESTION OUTSTANDING IS OMANI
REQUEST THAT ALL SUPPORT ITEMS BE ABSORBED IN 10 PERCENT
OVERHEAD ESTIMATE (REFTEL B).

B. POWER STATION DIRECTOR AND PROVINCE ENGINEER - POWER
STATION DIRECTOR REQUEST REPRESENTS OMANI RESPONSE TO NRECA
PROPOSAL FOR PRELIMINARY STUDY ALL POWER TA NEEDS. PROVINCM
ENGINEER REQUEST PRESENTS OPPORTUNITY FOR LEADING AMERICAN ROLE
IN DHOFAR DEVELOPMENT (REFTEL C).

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C. RAYSUT PORT DIRECTOR - THOUGH MINISTRY FOLLOWED EMBASSY SUGGESTION THAT MARINE BUCKLEY BE GIVEN CHANCE TO FIND THIS EXPERT, INABILITY TO DATE TO LOCATE SUITABLE PERSON MAY PROMPT RAJAB TO RENEW APPEAL FOR DIRECT USG HELP (REFTEL D).

3. PORT AUTHORITY DIRECTOR JOEL WILCOX ADVISED EMBASSY THAT SULTAN HAS TOLD RAJAM TO SEEK AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSISTANCE. LAST AUGUST RAJAB WAS ADVISED BY GERMAN DOCTORS TO HAVE OPERATION FOR WHAT HAS BEEN DESCRIBED VARIOUSLY AS POSSIBLE CANCER, A HEART CONDITION, OR SOME OTHER MALADY. RAJAB (OR SULTAN ON HIS BEHALF) MAY ASK FOR HELP IN ARRANGING ADMITTANCE TO MAYO CLINIC. EMBASSY FEELS THAT SUCH A REQUEST

LIKELY TO BE FOLLOWED IN FUTURE BY OTHERS LESS PRESSING, SINCE NUMBER OF LEADING OMANIS, PARTICULARLY MEMBERS OF ROYAL FAMILY, OFTEN GO TO EUROPE FOR TREATMENT OF SUNDRY COMPLAINTS. DEPARTMENT MAY WANT TO TAKE THIS FACTOR INTO ACCOUNT IN HANDLING CONCEIVABLE REQUEST IN RAJAB'S CASE. (N.B. WE REALIZE IT WOULD BE AWKWARD TO TURN DOWN DIRECT REQUEST FROM SULTAN, BUT HE MIGHT BE TOLD THAT REQUESTS OF THIS TYPE SHOULD ORDINARILY GO DIRECTLY TO THE INSTITUTION.) ZWEIFEL

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